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Attorney Docket No. 117.0002-00000  
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In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 8387
Terry Hildreth	)	
Serial No.: 10/697,664	)	Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed: October 29, 2003	)	
For: METAL INJECTING APPARATUS	)	

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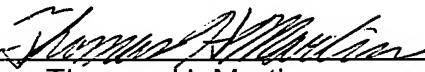
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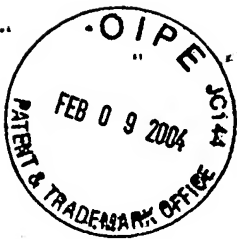
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,732,206	3/1988	Hildreth et al.			
	4,842,039	6/1989	Kelm			
	6,307,173	10/2001	Ali et al.			
	6,311,761	11/2001	Steininger et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION (YES/NO)

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Semco, Inc.; Technical Information: Guidelines For Plunger Tips, Shot Sleeves Plunger Rods; pp. 1-23.

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